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PROVISIONS, 1999**

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An Act

Oct. 21, 1998
[H.R. 4328]

Making omnibus consolidated and emergency appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Omnibus
Consolidated and
Emergency
Supplemental
Appropriations
Act, 1999.

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\$50,000,000

SEC. 102. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended (16 U.S.C. ch. 12A), including hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft, and purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$50,000,000 is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That use of the funds provided herein is limited to the purposes for which funds were provided under this heading in Public Law 105-62: *Provided further*, That of the amounts appropriated under this section, \$7,000,000 shall be available for operation, maintenance, surveillance, and improvement of Land Between the Lakes.

*NOTE.—This is a typeset print of the original hand enrollment as signed by the President on October 21, 1998. The text is printed without corrections.

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SEC. 103. REPURCHASE OF BONDS BY THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY. (a) REPURCHASE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any term contained in any bond issued by the Tennessee Valley Authority to the Federal Financing Bank—

(1) subject to subsection (b), the Tennessee Valley Authority shall have the right to repurchase all such bonds by payment of the principal amount of the bonds plus interest to the date of repurchase;

(2) the Federal Financing Bank shall not require payment from the Tennessee Valley Authority of any additional amount in connection with the repurchase; and

(3) there is hereby appropriated to the Federal Financing Bank such amounts as may be necessary to pay the difference between (1) the amount that the Tennessee Valley Authority paid to the Federal Financing Bank to prepay its outstanding loans from the Federal Financing Bank under this section and (2) the amount that the Federal Financing Bank would have received otherwise.

(b) NO FURTHER FINANCING.—Notwithstanding any other law, after the date of repurchase of bonds under subsection (a), the Tennessee Valley Authority shall not be entitled or permitted to obtain financing from the Federal Financing Bank.

(c) USE OF SAVINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—From non-appropriated funds, beginning on the date of repurchase of bonds and ending on the date on which the bonds would have matured but for this section, amounts that, as determined under paragraph (2), are equivalent to amounts that the Tennessee Valley Authority saves as a result of the repurchase of bonds shall be used to reduce debt of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

(2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF SAVINGS.—On each date on which a payment of interest would have been made on a repurchased bond if the bond had not been repurchased, the Tennessee Valley Authority shall be considered to realize a saving in the amount of the difference between—

(A) the amount of interest that would have been due at the rate of interest specified in the bond; and

(B) the amount of interest that would have been due if the rate of interest specified in the bond had been the yield to maturity of a marketable public obligation of the United States with a maturity of 10 years as of September 30, 1997.

SEC. 104. Section 312 of Public Law 105-245, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1999, is repealed.

SEC. 105. An additional amount of \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended, for Department of Defense—Civil, Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers—Civil, “Construction, General”,

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is hereby appropriated for the Columbia River Fish Mitigation, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, project.

SEC. 106. The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use \$1,500,000 of the funds previously appropriated in "Construction, General", for the Lackawanna River, Scranton, Pennsylvania, project to initiate construction of the Delaware River Mainstem and Channel Deepening, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, project. The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use \$400,000 of the funds previously appropriated in "Construction, General", for the Lackawanna River, Scranton, Pennsylvania, project to initiate a comprehensive review of aquatic ecosystem restoration initiatives in the Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Watershed under the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration (Section 206) program. Subject to enactment of authorizing legislation, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use \$340,000 of the available "Construction, General" funds to initiate construction of the Pierre, South Dakota, flood mitigation project. The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to use \$1,500,000 of the funds appropriated in "Construction, General", in Public Law 105-245 for the South Central Pennsylvania Environment Improvement Program only for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the purposes of subsection (a) and requirements of subsections (b) through (e) of section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended.

SEC. 107. The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized and directed to use \$750,000 of available "Construction, General" funds for engineering and design, and repair of the Archusa Dam and appurtenant structures located in Quitman, Mississippi.

\$60,000,000 SEC. 108. An additional amount of \$60,000,000 for Department of Energy—Energy Programs, "Energy Supply", is hereby appropriated to remain available until September 30, 2000.

15,000,000 SEC. 109. An additional amount of \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended, for Department of Energy—Energy Programs, "Science", is hereby appropriated.

SEC. 110. LAKE POWELL. No funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act for fiscal year 1999 shall be used to study or implement any plan to drain Lake Powell or decommission the Glen Canyon Dam.

SEC. 111. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for necessary expenses relating to construction of, and improvements to, surface transportation projects located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

100,000,000 SEC. 112. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for necessary expenses relating to construction of, and improvements to, Corridor X of the Appalachian development highway system located in the State of Alabama, \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

32,000,000 SEC. 113. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for necessary expenses relating to construction of, and improvements to, the Appalachian development highway system in the State of West Virginia, \$32,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 114. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for necessary expenses relating to construction of, and improvements to,

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highway projects in the corridor designated by section 1105(c)(18)(C)(ii) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032-2033), as amended by section 1211(i) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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SEC. 115. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the Alaska Railroad, \$28,000,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be for capital improvements benefiting its passenger rail operations.

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SEC. 116. Of the unobligated balances authorized in Public Law 102-240 under 49 U.S.C. 5338(b)(1), \$392,000,000 is rescinded.

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SEC. 117. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, within the funding made available in the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 for discretionary grants under the obligation limitation for Federal Aviation Administration, "Grants-in-Aid for Airports" in fiscal year 1999, not less than \$11,250,000 shall be made available for capital improvement projects at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

SEC. 118. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, within the funding made available in the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 for discretionary grants under the obligation limitation for Federal Aviation Administration, "Grants-in-Aid for Airports" in fiscal year 1999, not less than \$7,000,000 shall be made available for capital improvement projects at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

SEC. 119. The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999, is amended by amending the item relating to "JOINT ITEMS—Joint Committee on Printing" to read as follows:

"JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

"For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on Printing, \$202,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate, together with an additional amount of \$150,000 if there is enacted into law legislation which transfers the legislative and oversight responsibilities of the Joint Committee on Printing to the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives: *Provided*, That such additional amount shall be transferred to the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and made available beginning January 1, 1999: *Provided further*, That such additional amount shall be disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives."

SEC. 120. For carrying out the provisions of division C, title II of this Act, \$30,000,000, including \$750,000 for the cost of the direct loan under section 207(a), \$20,000,000 for the payments in section 207(d), \$250,000 for the cost of direct loans under section 211(e), \$1,000,000 for the cost of a direct loan in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab fisheries under the authority of section 312(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861a(b)), and \$6,000,000 and \$2,000,000 for the Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation, respectively, to implement division C, title II.

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SEC. 121. In addition to amounts provided in the conference report accompanying H.R. 4194 (H. Rept. 105-769), the following funds are hereby appropriated: \$10,000,000 for "Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS", to remain available until expended; \$45,000,000 to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

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for “Urban Empowerment Zones” for grants in connection with a second round of the empowerment zones program in urban areas, designated by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in fiscal year 1999 pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, including \$3,000,000 for each empowerment zone for use in conjunction with economic development activities consistent with the strategic plan of each empowerment zone, to remain available until expended; \$20,000,000 for “State and tribal assistance grants” for a grant for construction and related activities for wastewater treatment for Boston, Massachusetts, to remain available until expended; \$10,000,000 for “National and community service programs operating expenses” for grants under the National Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities including the AmeriCorps program), to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided herein for “National and community service programs operating expenses” may be used to administer, reimburse, or support any national service program authorized under section 121(d)(2) of the aforementioned Act; \$10,000,000 for “Science and technology”, for research associated with the Climate Change Technology Initiative, to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided further*, That the obligated balance of such \$10,000,000 shall remain available through September 30, 2007 for liquidating obligations made in fiscal years 1999 and 2000; and \$15,000,000 for “Community development financial institutions fund program account”, to remain available until September 30, 2000.

Of the amount appropriated in H.R. 4194, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, under the heading “Community development block grants”, \$4,750,000 shall be available as a grant to Cayuga County, New York, to repair and rehabilitate the seawalls at the Owasco Lake outlet, and \$250,000 shall be available as a grant to Jackson, Michigan, to remove a portion of the Grand River culvert in Jackson, Michigan.

SEC. 122. Upon enactment of H.R. 4194, the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, section 202 of that Act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 123. Section 513(a) of the “Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998” is amended, upon enactment, by inserting after “40 percent” at the end of proposed section 16(c)(3) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as set forth in section 513(a), the following: “shall be available for leasing only by families whose incomes at the time of commencement of occupancy do not exceed 30 percent of the area median income, as determined by the Secretary with adjustments for smaller and larger families.”.

SEC. 124. Notwithstanding the third undesignated paragraph under the heading “Community development block grants” under title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, of the amount made available under such heading for the city of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, up to 50 percent of such amount shall be available to such city for payment of claims for bomb damage and repairs for infrastructure located in the area described in clause (1) of such undesignated paragraph. Any amounts available for use under such undesignated paragraph that are not

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expended to pay such claims or for such repairs shall be utilized for the revolving loan pool described in such undesignated paragraph.

SEC. 125. Of the amounts earmarked in the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference accompanying H.R. 4194 for grants targeted for economic investments, \$2,000,000 made available to the Hawaii Housing Authority for work associated with the construction of the Community Resource Center at Kuhio Homes/Kuhio Park Terrace in Honolulu, Hawaii shall instead be made available to the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii for the same purpose.

SEC. 126. If the President makes the appointment to the position of Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs authorized by section 907 of the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, the individual appointed shall receive the pay and allowances authorized for that position as if the appointment had been made on September 29, 1998, except that the amount of such pay and allowances that is attributable to the period beginning on September 29, 1998, and ending on the day before the date of that appointment shall be reduced by any amount paid that individual by the United States for personal services performed during that period.

SEC. 127. TRADE DEFICIT REVIEW COMMISSION. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Trade Deficit Review Commission Act”.

Trade Deficit
Review
Commission Act.
19 USC 2213
note.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The United States continues to run substantial merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(2) Economic forecasts anticipate continued growth in such deficits in the next few years.

(3) The positive net international asset position that the United States built up over many years was eliminated in the 1980s. The United States today has become the world's largest debtor nation.

(4) The United States merchandise trade deficit is characterized by large bilateral trade imbalances with a handful of countries.

(5) The United States has one of the most open borders and economies in the world. The United States faces significant tariff and nontariff trade barriers with its trading partners. The United States does not benefit from fully reciprocal market access.

(6) The United States is once again at a critical juncture in trade policy development. The nature of the United States trade deficit and its causes and consequences must be analyzed and documented.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a commission to be known as the Trade Deficit Review Commission (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Commission is to study the nature, causes, and consequences of the United States merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(3) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION.—

(A) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 12 members as follows:

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(i) Three persons shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

(ii) Three persons shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee on Finance.

(iii) Three persons shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

(iv) Three persons shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.—

(i) APPOINTMENTS.—Persons who are appointed under subparagraph (A) shall be persons who—

(I) have expertise in economics, international trade, manufacturing, labor, environment, business, or have other pertinent qualifications or experience; and

(II) are not officers or employees of the United States.

(ii) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In appointing Commission members, every effort shall be made to ensure that the members—

(I) are representative of a broad cross-section of economic and trade perspectives within the United States; and

(II) provide fresh insights to analyzing the causes and consequences of United States merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(4) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Members shall be appointed not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and the appointment shall be for the life of the Commission.

(B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(5) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting.

(6) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.

(7) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the Commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the members of the Commission.

(8) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(9) VOTING.—Each member of the Commission shall be entitled to 1 vote, which shall be equal to the vote of every other member of the Commission.

(d) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be responsible for examining the nature, causes, and consequences of, and the accuracy of available data on, the United States merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(2) ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.—The Commission shall examine and report to the President, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and other appropriate committees of Congress on the following:

(A) The relationship of the merchandise trade and current account balances to the overall well-being of the United States economy, and to wages and employment in various sectors of the United States economy.

(B) The impact that United States monetary and fiscal policies may have on United States merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(C) The extent to which the coordination, allocation, and accountability of trade responsibilities among Federal agencies may contribute to the trade and current account deficits.

(D) The causes and consequences of the merchandise trade and current account deficits and specific bilateral trade deficits, including—

(i) identification and quantification of—

(I) the macroeconomic factors and bilateral trade barriers that may contribute to the United States merchandise trade and current account deficits;

(II) any impact of the merchandise trade and current account deficits on the domestic economy, industrial base, manufacturing capacity, technology, number and quality of jobs, productivity, wages, and the United States standard of living;

(III) any impact of the merchandise trade and current account deficits on the defense production and innovation capabilities of the United States; and

(IV) trade deficits within individual industrial, manufacturing, and production sectors, and any relationship between such deficits and the increasing volume of intra-industry and intra-company transactions;

(ii) a review of the adequacy and accuracy of the current collection and reporting of import and export data, and the identification and development of additional data bases and economic measurements that may be needed to properly quantify the merchandise trade and current account balances, and any impact the merchandise trade and current account balances may have on the United States economy; and

(iii) the extent to which there is reciprocal market access substantially equivalent to that afforded by the United States in each country with which the United States has a persistent and substantial bilateral trade deficit, and the extent to which such deficits have become structural.

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(E) Any relationship of United States merchandise trade and current account deficits to both comparative and competitive trade advantages within the global economy, including—

(i) a systematic analysis of the United States trade patterns with different trading partners and to what extent the trade patterns are based on comparative and competitive trade advantages;

(ii) the extent to which the increased mobility of capital and technology has changed both comparative and competitive trade advantages;

(iii) any impact that labor, environmental, or health and safety standards may have on comparative and competitive trade advantages;

(iv) the effect that offset and technology transfer agreements have on the long-term competitiveness of the United States manufacturing sectors; and

(v) any effect that international trade, labor, environmental, or other agreements may have on United States competitiveness.

(F) The extent to which differences in the growth rates of the United States and its trading partners may impact on United States merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(G) The impact that currency exchange rate fluctuations and any manipulation of exchange rates may have on United States merchandise trade and current account deficits.

(H) The flow of investments both into and out of the United States, including—

(i) any consequences for the United States economy of the current status of the United States as a debtor nation;

(ii) any relationship between such investment flows and the United States merchandise trade and current account deficits and living standards of United States workers;

(iii) any impact such investment flows may have on United States labor, community, environmental, and health and safety standards, and how such investment flows influence the location of manufacturing facilities; and

(iv) the effect of barriers to United States foreign direct investment in developed and developing nations, particularly nations with which the United States has a merchandise trade and current account deficit.

(e) FINAL REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after the date of the initial meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a final report which contains—

(A) the findings and conclusions of the Commission described in subsection (d); and

(B) recommendations for addressing the problems identified as part of the Commission's analysis.

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(2) SEPARATE VIEWS.—Any member of the Commission may submit additional findings and recommendations as part of the final report.

(f) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

(1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission may find advisable to fulfill the requirements of this section. The Commission shall hold at least 1 or more hearings in Washington, D.C., and 4 in different regions of the United States.

(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

(g) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

(1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each member of the Commission shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which such member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(3) STAFF.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson of the Commission may, without regard to the civil service laws and regulations, appoint and terminate an executive director and such other additional personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to perform its duties. The employment of an executive director shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission.

(B) COMPENSATION.—The Chairperson of the Commission may fix the compensation of the executive director and other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay for the executive director and other personnel may not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(4) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(5) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Chairperson of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title

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5, United States Code, at rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(h) SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Administrator of the General Services Administration shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Commission may request.

\$2,000,000 (i) APPROPRIATIONS.—There are appropriated \$2,000,000 to the Commission to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 128. None of the funds provided or otherwise made available in this Division of this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 130. Notwithstanding section 11031 of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 or any other provision of law and not later than September 30, 1999, the Secretary of the Treasury shall invest, or direct the Trustee to invest, the assets of the Trust Fund in public debt securities with maturities suitable to the needs of the Trust Fund, as determined by the Secretary, and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary, taking into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities.

25,000,000 SEC. 131. To capitalize the District of Columbia National Capital Revitalization Corporation, as authorized by the District Council, \$25,000,000 to remain available until expended for economic development planning, project development, capital investments, loans, grants, administrative expenses and other purposes included in the District Council's authorizing legislation: *Provided*, That no funds shall be available unless the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, determines that the Corporation advances the purposes of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997: *Provided further*, That the Secretary, after apportionment pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1512, may provide for the disbursement of funds in the manner provided for Federal grant programs.

30,000,000 SEC. 132. For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia Public Schools, \$30,000,000, for special education costs.

20,000,000 SEC. 133. For payment to the District of Columbia, \$20,000,000 which shall be deposited into an escrow account of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and shall be disbursed from such escrow account by the Authority for Year 2000 information technology and related chip replacement projects approved by the Authority: *Provided*, That, for purposes of any appropriations made by this or any other Act, for emergency expenses related to Year 2000 conversion of Federal information technology systems, and related expenses, the Government of the District of Columbia shall be considered an agency of the United States Government: *Provided further*, That, any funds provided pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be in addition to funds appropriated directly under this paragraph.

SEC. 134. For a Federal contribution to the District of Columbia for the costs of infrastructure needs, which shall be deposited into an escrow account of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority and disbursed by the Authority from such account for the repair and maintenance of

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roads, highways, bridges and transit in the District of Columbia and other economic development projects and planning in the District of Columbia, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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Approved October 21, 1998.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 4328 (S. 2307):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 105-648 (Comm. on Appropriations) and 105-825 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 105-249 accompanying S. 2307 (Comm. on Appropriations).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 144 (1998):

July 29, considered and passed House.

July 30, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 2307.

Oct. 20, House agreed to conference report.

Oct. 21, Senate agreed to conference report.

Net grand total, Additional Provisions (Division A) ..	– \$2,005,000,000
Appropriations	(787,000,000)
Rescission	(– 392,000,000)
Offset	(– 2,400,000,000)

Consisting of:

Department of Commerce	30,000,000
Department of Defense—Civil	35,000,000
Department of Energy	75,000,000
Environmental Protection Agency	30,000,000
General Government—independent agencies	187,000,000
Offset	– 2,400,000,000
Department of Housing and Urban Development	55,000,000
Department of Transportation	360,000,000
Rescission	– 392,000,000
Department of the Treasury	15,000,000